

## October 20 Saratoga County History Center News and Events



### Saratoga County History Center

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*October 20, 2022*

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**Chips and Beer**  
FESTIVAL

**NOVEMBER 12**  
1-5 PM



The Saratoga County History Center is hosting the Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival on Saturday, November 12, from 1 to 5 pm at Brookside Museum. We are proud to have DeCrescente Distributing Company sponsoring the event. This friendly, casual gathering celebrates two things that go well together, potato chips and beer. The famous Saratoga Chips are the feature of the museum’s current exhibit. Festival goers can enjoy Saratoga Chips, represented by Mechanicville’s DeCrescente Distributing Company. The festival, a benefit for the Saratoga County History Center, is \$20 in advance, and \$25 on the day of the event, while designated drivers will be \$10. SCHC members receive a \$5 discount. Snacks and the first beverage are included in the ticket price. John Kirk and Trish Miller of Greenfield Center, will provide live music. There will be a campfire, a S’mores station, a silent auction, and a game of potato chip trivia. Please join us.

### Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival Tickets



# Saratoga County History Center’s Events

**October 22 - 11am *Off The Northway* Presentation and Book Signing at the Galway Public Library.** Local journalist Stephen Williams will talk about the long rollercoaster history of the dream, design, negotiations for, and construction of the \$15 billion GlobalFoundries semiconductor facility in Malta. He will also sign copies of *Off the Northway*, a compilation of 83 articles written from 2005 through 2020 for the Daily Gazette in Schenectady, NY. The book will be available for purchase for \$20 and is published by the Saratoga County History Center. The Galway Public Library is 2112 East Street, Galway, NY 12074.

**November 2 - 7pm Saratoga County History Center Annual Meeting including "History Favorites - Trustees' Choice."** The trustees' offers a 'show & tell' featuring a few of their favorite items from the SCHC's collection, a preview of upcoming exhibitions, alongside their vision for the future. The annual budget will be presented and there will be voting for new trustees. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa.

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**November 13 – 2–4pm “More Saratoga County Stories” book release.** Meet the contributing authors and the editorial team of *More Saratoga County Stories*, a collection of essays and articles written by 33 local historians. This is the second volume of *Saratoga County Stories* published by the Saratoga County History Center. Aimed at the general public, it will delight readers with snapshots of the past and true tales of crime, heroism, and colorful personalities. Purchase the book for \$20 and have your copies signed by the authors. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa 12020.

**November 26-December 24 – Artisan’s Market at Brookside Museum.** Shop a wide selection of hand-crafted products created by local artisans, including soaps & lotions, ornaments, jewelry, spices & syrups, cutting boards, home décor, and much more! Thursdays 12pm – 5pm, Fridays 11am – 6pm, Saturdays and Sundays 11am – 5pm. This is an in-person event at SCHC's Brookside Museum, at 21 Fairground Avenue, Ballston Spa 12020.

**December 3 – 2–4pm Groom's Tavern hosts “More Saratoga County Stories” book signing and talk.** A second *More Saratoga County Stories* book release event will be held at the historic Grooms' Tavern with the local authors will be present to sign copies and talk with guests about their interests in Saratoga County history. The restored historic tavern and a variety of exhibits will be open for tours. Grooms Tavern is at 290 Sugar Hill Road on the corner of Grooms Road



in Rexford, NY 12148.

*All these programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise indicated, and donations are accepted with gratitude. The SCHC's Brookside Museum is located at 21 Fairground Avenue in Ballston Spa, NY 12020.*



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## November 2 at the Brookside Museum.

The Saratoga County History Center (SCHC) is pleased to announce its 60th annual meeting at the Brookside Museum on November 2 in Ballston Spa, NY at 7pm. The trustees offer a "show and tell" featuring some of their favorite items from the SCHS collection, an overview of upcoming exhibits, and their vision for the future. The annual budget will be presented, and there will be voting for new trustees. The event is open to the public.

"2022 was a tremendous success for the History Center," said **Field Horne**, president of the Saratoga County History Center. " We've had as many as six beautiful exhibits, including our gardens, which tell the story of Saratoga County. We have re-established a well-used research room, improved our collections and facilities, and continued our exceptional programs and community engagement."

"Our members have been extremely supportive," says **Andrew Collier**, chair of the Membership Committee. "The community has joined us as members and has been a strong supporter of our financial appeals."

The History Center is dedicated to the preservation and sharing of the diverse histories of Saratoga County. In addition to the Brookside Museum, the History Center provides various innovative, exciting, and educational programs online and in-person across the county.

Please check the website ([www.brooksidemuseum.org](http://www.brooksidemuseum.org)) and social media accounts (@SaratogaCoHistory) for updates and announcements.



# Saratoga County Historical Community Upcoming Events

These programs come from several organizations in Saratoga County. The event organizers are noted. These are not hosted or sponsored by SCHC.

**October 25 — 6pm Mott Family Empire** The Halfmoon Historical Society rescheduled this event due to a conflict. Watch this space for the next time this popular talk will be presented. *It is a great little known story.*

**October 27 - 7pm "Campaign to Saratoga"** Join the Old Saratoga Historical Association for a program meeting as Eric Schnitzer, the historian at Saratoga NHP, discusses his recent book, Campaign to Saratoga, he co-authored with Don Troiani. Town of Saratoga's Town Hall, 12

Spring Street, on the corner of routes 29 and 4 in Schuylerville, NY 12871.

**November 7- 7pm "Voices from the Haunted Past: Ghost Stories and Folklore from the Stockade."** Join the Galway Preservation Society at their monthly meeting., as Michael Diana, Schenectady County Historical Society's Education and Program Manager, gives a presentation on spirit sightings, strange occurrences and folklore from the historic Stockade. The meeting will be held at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Rd., Galway, NY 12074.

**November 8 - 7pm "Oh Those Nolan Girls, Pretty & Poisonous!"** presented by Waterford Historian, Russ VanDervoort as part of the Waterford Historical Museum and Cultural Center's annual Winter Lecture Series at the Van Schaick Island Country Club (201 Continental Ave, Cohoes.) Admission: \$10. For more information, contact [info@waterfordmuseum.com](mailto:info@waterfordmuseum.com) (Dinner is available for separate purchase during the program [not included in the price of admission] by Max 410 at the Van Schaick Island Country Club.)

Programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Submit events to [sean@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:sean@brooksidemuseum.org). SCHC News and Events is a collaborative effort. We count on the contributions of the historic community of Saratoga County and others for the entire content of this page.

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## Project Leaders wanted!

We are looking for two project leaders!!! One for a fall cleaning, One for the storage movement of old articles in an old apartment that is renovated. . If you want to help, please contact Matt at (518) 885-4000. John will call you back.

## Volunteer At Brookside

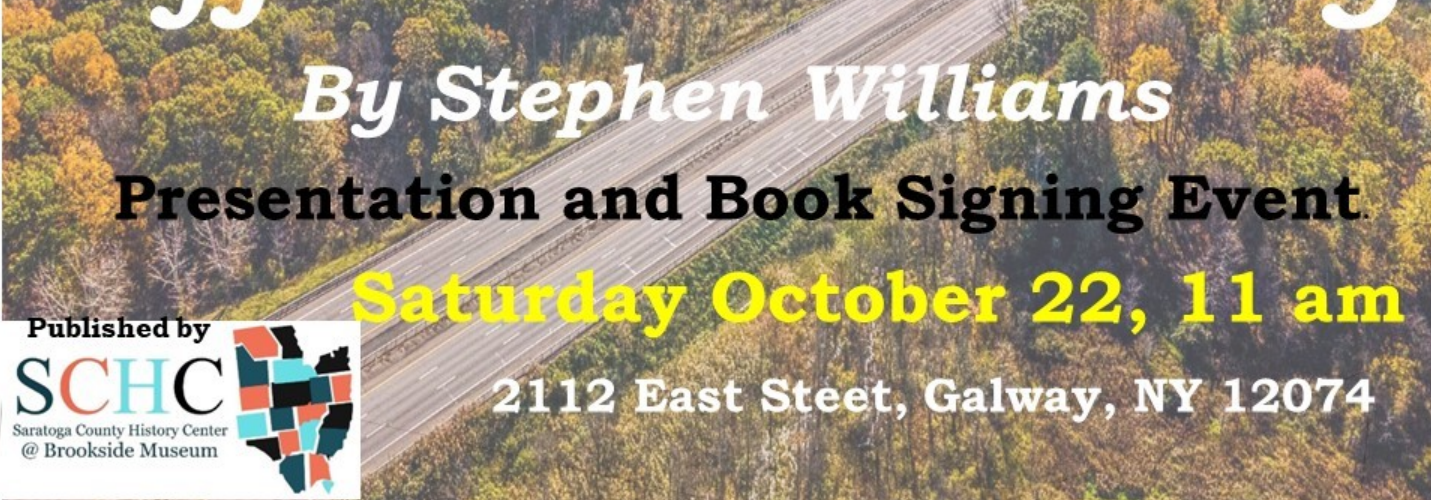
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COMMUNITY CENTERED, WORLD CONNECTED  
Galway Public Library

Presents


*Off The Northway*





**By Stephen Williams**  
**Presentation and Book Signing Event.**  
**Saturday October 22, 11 am**  
2112 East Steet, Galway, NY 12074

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@ Brookside Museum



# Membership Announcement!



## Become a Lifetime Member of the SCHC this Month!

Become a member of the History Center today at the Brookside Lifetime Member with a \$5000 donation. You will receive SCHC's newsletter, access to special events, free museum and library admission, a window sticker, and reduced prices for events. In addition, Contributors receive a welcome packet, a membership card with NARM membership. In addition, a copy of *The First Respectable House: Brookside and the Growth of Ballston Spa*, a personal behind-the-scenes tour of the museum by the President, the first look at the new exhibits with reception, two free use of the event space per year, and 15% discount at the museum shop, Please note that family memberships are determined by each participating institution. While NARM does not have a standard area of restriction, some institutions do restrict benefits. See the member map for details.

Visit the link to explore our different membership levels: <https://brooksidemuseum.org/support-schs/new-individual-membership-page/>

**Become a member**



# SARATOGA COUNTY PUBLIC HISTORY AWARDS



An annual award to recognize and celebrate the oft-unnoticed, yet deeply important, work done by public historians, writers, teachers, and museum practitioners

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The History Center is pleased to announce that the second award process is well underway. We welcome nominations and input from the public. If there is any individual, organization, or business that you believe warrants consideration, please contact Dr. Michael Landis, History Center Trustee, at [mlandis@brooksidemuseum.org](mailto:mlandis@brooksidemuseum.org). You may also visit Brookside Museum and speak with the staff, who are always eager to discuss community happenings. Please be sure to include the person or organization's full name, a detailed description of what they have done in public history, and why you believe they deserve recognition. Winner(s) will be selected in November, and a public awards ceremony will be held at Brookside Museum in January.





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**Meet the Authors!**

*More Saratoga County Stories*

**Book Launch Event**

**Sunday, November 13 2-4pm**

*More Saratoga County Stories* is a compilation of 63 essays written by 33 local authors.

This second volume of weekly articles, first distributed by the Saratoga...



First distributed by the Saratoga County History Roundtable, offers a wide variety of topics, events and personal stories in the long history of the county.



**Brookside Museum**  
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Ballston Spa, NY

**518-885-4000**

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### Current Exhibits

*Black Experiences in Saratoga County, 1750-1950 through November 6*  
*Grant's Life exhibit through November 11*

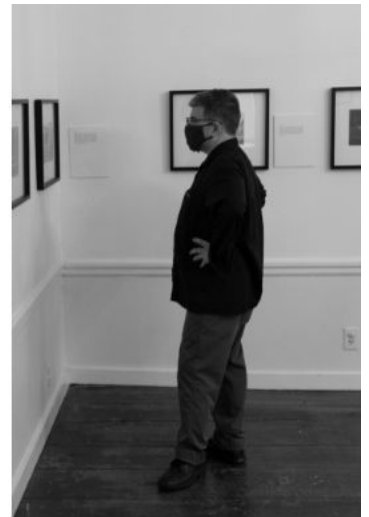
*County Life in Photographs through November 13*

*A Century of Ice Cream, a centennial of the Dake family and Stewart's Shops through December 23*

*In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore through December 23*

SCHC's Brookside Museum lists all closings at <https://www.facebook.com/brookidemuseum/>

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**IN THE SARATOGA STYLE: POTATO CHIPS AND THEIR REGIONAL FOLKLORE**

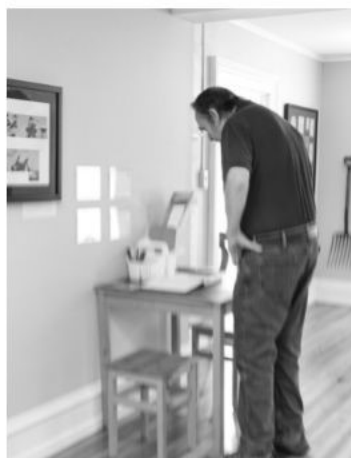
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**A CENTURY OF ICE CREAM, A CENTENNIAL OF THE DAKE FAMILY AND STEWART'S SHOPS**

**COUNTY LIFE IN PHOTOGRAPHS**

**THE LIFE OF PRESIDENT U.S. GRANT**

# EXHIBITIONS





# Exhibit on the Life of President U. S. Grant



**OCTOBER 6 –  
NOVEMBER 11**

**THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY  
FROM 1PM TO 5PM  
BROOKSIDE MUSEUM  
21 FAIRGROUND AVENUE,  
BALLSTON SPA , NY 12020**



**WWW.BROOKSIDEMESEUM.ORG**

## Last Chance

THROUGH NOVEMBER 6







Black Experiences in Saratoga County,  
1750-1950



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**LAST!  
CHANCE!**

County Life in  
County Life in Photographs



# County Life in Photographs through November 13

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## *In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore*



**Thursday -  
Sunday  
1 PM - 5PM**

**AT BROOKSIDE MUSEUM**





## What are visitors saying about SCHC's newest exhibit, "In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore.?"

"Lovely spot and interesting exhibit. Enjoyed our time here."

"Lovely exhibit! Admirable that the display embraces the uncertainty surrounding the potato chip origin story."

**“In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore” (Open through December 23)** – This is our newest exhibit, which explores the many stories that have claimed to explain the story behind the snack, from disgruntled customers to kitchen mishaps. The history of the legendary George Crum is examined, along with his experiences as a cook and outdoor guide of African and Native American ancestry. Learn more about this contender for the inventor of potato chips, along with other possible innovators who may have been responsible for the irresistibly crispy potatoes. This exhibit comes largely from the collection of Alan Richer, America’s premier collector on the subject.

*Do not forget*, our **Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival** on Saturday, November 12 from 1-5pm. DeCrescente Distributing Company is sponsoring Saratoga Chips and Beer Festival celebrates two things that go well together, potato chips and beer. The famous Saratoga Chips are the feature of the museum's current exhibit, "In the Saratoga Style: Potato Chips and Their Regional Folklore." The festival, a benefit for the Saratoga County History Center, is \$20 in advance, and \$25 on the day of the event, while designated drivers will be \$10. SCHC members receive a \$5 discount. Snacks and the first beverage are included in the ticket price. John Kirk and Trish Miller of Greenfield Center, who are beloved for bringing fiery fiddle tunes, folk songs, and whimsical kicks to audiences worldwide, will provide live music,. To round off the festival, there will be a bonfire, a S'mores station, a silent auction, and a game of potato chip trivia. Tickets can be purchased from <https://brooksidemuseum.org/event/saratoga-chips-and-beer-festival-2/> For more information, visit [BrooksideMuseum.org](http://BrooksideMuseum.org) or call 518-885-4000.

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## Correcting the Record

*In error*, we shared that the **Mott Family Empire** was scheduled for October 25 at the Halfmoon Town Hall. Due to a conflict, they had to hold the program earlier and we shared the incorrect dates. The Halfmoon Historical Society is working on a second presentation of this fascinating presentation details the 5 Generations of the Mott family starting with 1st generation, deed holder Zebulon in 1795 on Farm to Market Road through the 5th generation Charles, one of America's 1st self-made billionaire. We will let you know when it is rescheduled.

## News from the herb garden...

For more than forty years Thymly Herb Group members have taken pleasure in maintaining the Beverly and Harold Ricks Memorial Herb Garden in Brookside's sideyard. A team effort keeps the garden in tip-top shape: refurbishing fences, starting plants from seed, and planting, weeding, pruning, and harvesting the herbs. Let me introduce the current team.





Marilyn Stevenson seed starter, researcher extraordinaire, fence refurbisher, and valued sounding board. Jeff Beers, our right-hand man, does tasks only muscle power and persistence can handle. Kathleen Royka, a master gardener, and lead gardener for the herb garden. Kathleen also writes News from the Herb Garden, presents Fridays at the Herb Garden, and occasionally contributes a piece to The Saratoga Count Compass. Check The Compass out at: <https://brooksidemuseum.org/the-compass/>.

Autumn and winter provide time for plants and gardeners alike to rest. This is the time to reflect on the year's challenges and based on attentive observation decide how best to respond next year.







hollyhocks. Slugs and snails overwinter in the soil and devour tasty young plants—sorrel, parsley, and horseradish are favorites. Early scrutiny and hand removal reduced damage and hopefully minimized reproduction. We'll see next spring!

We noted which plants our wild neighbors like to munch on. Rabbits nibble young morning glories while deer enjoy their flowers. Deer are not fussy eaters—violets, sorrel, parsley, dyers broom, and hollyhock all please their palate. Over the winter we will strategize on how best to protect these plants.

We experimented with how to extend the bloom of plants and discovered timely pruning helps—woad blossomed three times and dame's rocket flowered twice.

Our current endeavor is researching how best to winterize plants—especially plants native to the Mediterranean regions—to survive Upstate New York's harsh winters. Last winter's conditions claimed horehound and lavender.

As this is the last News from the Herb Garden until tulips bloom in the spring, I would like to thank the museum's trustees for promoting the historical significance of the Colonial Herb Garden, Trustee Sean Kelleher for suggesting this column, Trustee Isobel Connell for collaborating on Fridays in the Herb Garden, and Anne Clothier for her gracious help whenever needed. It's her hat I'm wearing on a scorching July afternoon.







In addition, I would like to thank Georgia Fitzpatrick, president of the Thymly Herb Group for her applaudable leadership in keeping our group alive during these challenging times. If you are interested in herbs and want to learn more about the group, please contact Georgia at 518 222-3241.

It is a privilege and a pleasure to be part of both communities. I appreciate the trust, support, and freedom from my Thymly Herb family and the museum trustees to shape the colonial herb garden to support educational programs and the community of Saratoga County.

Please take time to delight in the beauty of autumn. Its magnificence is fleeting.

“We behold the green woods becoming one mass of rich and varied coloring. It would seem as though Autumn...had collected together all the past glories of the year, adding them to her own; she borrows the gay colors that have been lying during the summer month among the flowers, in the fruits, upon the plumage of the bird, on the wings of the butterfly, and working together in broad and glowing masses, she throws them over the forest to grace her triumph....to gleam in the sunshine.”

From Rural Hours by Susan Fenimore Cooper, published in 1850







*News from the Herb Garden will return when spring 2023 has sprung!*

I'm a new Text block ready for your content.



The New York National Guard's Military Forces Honor Guard and the Saratoga community memorialize a Revolutionary War soldier who died during the Battle of Saratoga in 1777, during a special ceremony on October 19 at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

A nine-Soldier detail will provide full military honors -to include a firing party- during a ceremony marking the placement of a memorial marker commemorating **Private Oliver**



**Barrett**, a member of the 10th Massachusetts Regiment, who died at age 51 during the Battle of Breyman Redoubt on Oct. 7, 1777. Barrett, a resident of Westford, Massachusetts who served as a Minuteman early in the Revolutionary War, was a veteran of Bunker Hill and was enlisted into Continental Army in January 1777. Speakers included Dan LaCroix from the recreated Westford Minute Men and Henry Cooke from the recreated 10th Massachusetts Regiment. SCHC Vice President **Sean Kelleher** (Saratoga town historian) joined the reenactors as he is also a charter member of the recreated 10th Massachusetts Regiment. **Eric Schnitzer**, historian for the Saratoga National Historical Park presented a lively speech on the importance of the Battles of Saratoga.

Barrett's gravesite is unknown, but a marker commemorating his sacrifice is being planned at the cemetery thanks to his descendants.

"It doesn't matter if somebody gave up their life 245 years ago or yesterday. That's a valuable thing to remember," said Ann Washburn Lord, Barrett's fifth great-granddaughter, who organized the event with her husband Steve.

Nine other Revolutionary War Soldiers are memorialized at the cemetery, but Barrett will be the first one who fought and died at the historic battle which took place nearby.

"This is a very significant event," said Cemetery Director W. **Scott Lamb**. "It's a very notable service with connection to the turning point of the Revolutionary War."

A highlight of the event was a cannon salute performed by the 2nd Continental Artillery reenactment group. Many of their members belong to the Sons of the Revolution. They were led by **Michael Companion** (Milton town historian), a member of the Saratoga County 250th American Revolution Commission.

*The photos and much of the article were provided by the New York National Guard. The article was altered to reflect the Saratoga County contributions to the ceremony.*





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